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Huntington District
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502 Eighth Street
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3 JUL 2010

Re: PN 2008-00830; Coal-Mac, Inc.; Pine Creek Surface Mine, Logan County, WV

Dear Colonel Peterson:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been participating in discussions with your staff and with company representatives of Coal-Mac, Inc. to seek resolution to concerns expressed by our agency for the proposed Pine Creek Surface Mine. The Pine Creek Surface Mine is one of the remaining sixteen projects located in West Virginia identified for the enhanced coordination process (ECP) provided in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by our respective agencies and the Department of Interior on June 11, 2009. The 60-day ECP timeframe for resolution of issues surrounding this project began on April 6, 2010 and will expire on June 1, 2010.

In order to allow sufficient time to finalize the resolution of issues, Region III is invoking the fifteen (15) day time extension (to June 16, 2010) provided by the June 11, 2009 Memorandum from the EPA Administrator and the Acting Assistant Secretary (Civil Works) to the Field on Enhanced Coordination Procedures for Pending Permits.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (215) 814-2702 or Jeffrey D. Lapp, Associate Director, Environmental Programs at (215) 914-2717.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John R. Pomponio", is written over a printed name and title.

John R. Pomponio, Director
Environmental Assessment and Innovation Division

